

North-West Eau Claire *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

Small Group _____ Yellow _____ (color)

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Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: _11_)

Certify Technology Development Zones in the region.

Priority response #2 (votes: __10_)

Assist regions in the process of establishing and maintaining a regional venture capital fund.

Priority response #3 (votes: _5__)

Invest in and strengthen technology transfer partnerships between post-secondary education institutions and business/industry.

Priority response #4 (votes: _5__)

Work to broaden the focus of agriculture by developing marketing and support programs for ag. Related industries.

Priority response #5 (votes: __5_)

Continue to simplify regulatory processes to address changes in technology, competitive issues for the states and promote efficiencies at the business and state level

Priority response #6 (votes: __4_)

Support the development of a regional technology-based research and development think tank.

Priority response #7 (votes: __4_)

Create a regional fund for major economic development needs.

Priority response #8 (votes: __4_)

Invest in the development of “Brain Gain” education/business strategic partnerships for key industries including: plastics, engineering, health care.

Priority response #9 (votes: ____)

Support Rail service through the Chippewa Valley

“Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

“If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

Priority Issue #1 Certify Technology Development Zones in the region.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

1. Approve the zones

Priority Issue #2 Assist regions in the process of establishing and maintaining a regional venture capital fund.

1. Provide matching dollars for regions that develop venture capital funds.
2. Provide tax incentives to partners that invest in regional venture capital funds.

Priority Issue #3 Invest in and strengthen technology transfer partnerships between post-secondary education institutions and business/industry.

1. Support efforts to continue funding of NWMOC activities.
2. Create alternate funding strategies for small and medium, manufacturers utilizing NWMOC services
3. Increase tech transfer linkages and activity with UW-Madison.